

**Governor's Budget - Department of Environmental Quality**  
**March 8, 2017 Presentation**

<b>Keeping Pace With Economic Development</b>	<b>FY 17-18</b>	<b>FY 18-19</b>
<u>4. Additional Resources for Dam Safety</u> <i>Invest recurring funds for four positions to conduct the initial review and annual updates of Emergency Action Plans and associated dam safety inspections for the 1,559 intermediate and high hazard dams. There were 20 dam breaches across the state during Hurricane Matthew.</i>	336,115 4.00 FTE	336,115 4.00 FTE
<u>6. Expand Sediment Control Capacity</u> <i>Adds capacity in the Erosion and Sediment Control program to provide more timely assistance to customers, quicker response to complaints and environmental issues, and increase frequency of inspections of projects.</i>	500,000 5.00 FTE	1,000,000 10.00 FTE
<u>10. Improve Service in Mining Program</u> <i>Invests recurring funds for four positions in the Mining Program to allow for more timely permit review and approval.</i>	365,000 4.00 FTE	365,000 4.00 FTE
<u>7. Water Resources Permitting Staff</u> <i>Adds additional capacity to provide more timely processing of water resources permits. Allows for timely processing of National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Permits. There is a 40% backlog and a two-year wait time for review.</i>	300,000 4.00 FTE	600,000 7.00 FTE
<u>8. Improve Leaking Underground Storage Tank Cleanup</u> <i>Supports the assessment and cleanup of sites where petroleum and hazardous substance releases to the environment have occurred. Additional positions will allow the return of more commercial and residential properties to a safe, usable condition. New positions will be located regionally in order to provide better response to petroleum spills, 4,300 ongoing incidents and nearly 700 incidents reported annually.</i>	258,739 3.00 FTE	258,739 3.00 FTE
<b>Clean Land and Water</b>		
<u>9. Noncommercial Trust Fund Outstanding Claims</u> <i>Provides nonrecurring funds to cover the outstanding balance of claims against the Noncommercial Leaking Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund.</i>	1,000,000	-
<u>5. Funds for Coal Ash Management</u> <i>Provides support for operating expenses not included in the funding allocation in the Coal Ash Management Act. This request is supported by a special provision to restore the Coal Ash Combustion Residuals fee to 0.03%. This additional funding is needed to meet all the requirements of the Coal Ash Management Act.</i>	635,000	635,000
<u>11. Expand Recycling Grant Program</u> <i>Provide additional funding for Recycling Business Development Grants. The program provides grants to new or expanding recycling businesses in North Carolina.</i>	300,000	-
<u>12. Expand Utility Savings Initiative</u> <i>Increases utility savings at public facilities through efficiency programs that save energy and water. Additional funding will enable the department to provide supplemental training, technical assistance and energy project incentives to state government agencies. Had the USI not been in place for FY 2014-2015 an additional \$166 million would have been needed for budget utility costs.</i>	395,000	395,000
<u>13. Replace Aging Marine Patrol Equipment</u> <i>Replace 19 patrol vessels, 10 outboard motors and 8 boat trailers purchased prior to 2003 to provide Marine Patrol Officers with safe and dependable equipment.</i>	596,261	496,261
<u>14. Fisheries Information Network Maintenance Costs</u> <i>Upgraded Fisheries Information Network is scheduled to be completed in June 2017. Funding is needed to cover annual maintenance costs for the system.</i>	100,000	100,000
<b>Coastal Economic Development</b>		
<u>15. Establish Four Oyster Sanctuaries</u> <i>Provide additional nonrecurring funding to support a network of oyster sanctuaries. These sanctuaries encourage the growth of large healthy oyster populations that can act as a brood stock for the rest of NC's coastal waters.</i>	1,000,000	-
<u>16. Shellfish Rehabilitation</u> <i>Provides additional funding for cultch planting. Planting sites are located in coastal waters from Dare to Brunswick Counties.</i>	200,000	200,000
<u>17. Crab Pot Clean-Up</u> <i>After an extremely successful result from the FY 2016-17 pilot project where 4,270 crab pots were collected. This was the largest number of pots collected in 13 years. 138 volunteers removed 3.5 tons of debris in one day. This provides additional funds for crab pot cleanup.</i>	100,000	100,000